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In re Application of
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Application Number
09/997,934

Filed
11/30/2001

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For
SPRUNG SURFACE HANDLE

Group Art Unit
3676

Examiner
Mark A. Williams

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiners to all thirty (30) rejected claims.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$ 330.00

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 165.00

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Dear Sirs:

Here, for filing, is a Notice of Appeal From The Examiner To The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, of the rejection of all thirty (30) claims in Willems Application No. 09/997,934, entitled "Sprung Surface Handle," filed 11/30/2001, and the filing fee of \$165.

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Very truly yours,

Robert D. Hornbaker

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cc: Phil Stratford - via Fax, w/encl.